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FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, VE
SUBJECT: LOS INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITY

REF: CARACAS 10474

1. EMBASSY LOS OFFICER CALLED ON AGUILAR AFTERNOON
OCTOBER 28 TO DELIVER COPIES OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S
CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON THE SIXTH LOS SESSION AS WELL AS
RECENT INTERVIEW DONE WITH USIA REPORTER JOHN HARTER.
(AMBASSADOR ALSO GAVE COPIES OF THIS INTERVIEW IN ENGLISH
AND SPANISH TO FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI AND RECOMMENDED TO
PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT HE ALSO READ IT TO GET A FULL UNDER-
STANDING OF USG POSITION.) AGUILAR RECEIVED MATERIAL
GRATEFULLY SAYING HE WOULD READ IT BEFORE HAVING LUNCH WITH
AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON.

2. AGUILAR SAID THAT HE WAS SORRY THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE
TO GO TO GENEVA. AGUILAR SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GENEVA MEETING, HE REGARDED IT AS
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ESSENTIALLY PRODEDURAL. IN HIS VIEW, THERE WAS SOME
SUBSTANCE BUT, IN ESSENCE, IT WAS PROCEDURAL. INTER-AMERICAN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (AIHRC), MEETING, HOWEVER, WAS MOST
IMPORTANT AND IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WOULD BE EXTENDED THROUGH
THE GENEVA LOS MEETING TIMETABLE. HE SAID THAT IAHRC HAD
SOME VERY IMPORTANT MATTERS TO DEAL WITH. FOR EXAMPLE, IT
HAD FINALLY RECEIVED PERMISSION TO ENTER PARAGUAY FOR THE

FIRST TIME. ALSO, THE COMMISSION HAD TO DEAL WITH TORRIJOS' INVITATION TO VISIT PANAMA AND SEE WHETHER ITS JAILS WERE "FULL OF POLITICAL PRISONERS" AS SOME OF TORRIJOS' CRITICS IN THE U.S. HAVE CLAIMED. HE ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH A FINAL DECISION HAD NOT BEEN MADE TO SEND AMBASSADOR CARPIO CASTILLO TO GENEVA, THIS WOULD MOST LIKELY OCCUR AND CARPIO WAS A LOGICAL CHOICE. NOT ONLY HAD HE ATTENDED ALL SESSIONS OF THE LOS CONFERENCE BUT HE WAS ONLY AN HOUR AND A HALF AWAY FROM GENEVA BY AIR.

3. AGUILAR SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY WHEN PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI REACTED TO THE STATEMENTS BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON. HE SAID THAT HE STILL DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAD SPARKED THEIR COMMENTS. EMBOFF TOLD HIM ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES DATELINE UPI STORY WHICH WAS CARRIED IN THE CARACAS PRESS ON OCTOBER 19. AGUILAR ASKED HIS SECRETARY TO GET HIM A COPY OF THE ARTICLE.

4. AGUILAR SAID THAT HE HAD JOINED A SPECIAL COPEI (OPPOSITION PARTY) COMMITTEE TO HELP ITS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN THE 1978 ELECTIONS. HE NOTED THAT HE IS A PRO-COPEI INDEPENDENT AND THAT, WHILE WILLING TO HELP THE PARTY, HE DOES NO CAMPAIGNING. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY HELP DRAFT A COPEI FOREIGN POLITY POSITION AND EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO BE USED IN THAT CAPACITY. THERE WAS NOTHING IN HIS COMMENTS OR TONE OF VOICE THAT SUGGESTED THAT HIS PARTISIAN POLITICAL

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ACTIVITY WAS IN ANY WAY RELATED TO HIS INABILITY TO VISIT GENEVA.
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